

Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff Criminal Justice Council Meeting

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, April 19, 2017

1:00pm – 3:00pm

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:11 pm in the Homeland Security Conference Room on the 8th Floor of City Hall.

II. Roll Call

Calvin Johnson called roll of the Councilmembers. 14 members were present, quorum was met.

Present at Roll Call

Arthur Morrell
Calvin Johnson
Charles West
Chris Bowman for DA Cannizzaro
Daphne Johnson for LaKeasha Cooley
Derwyn Bunton
Gary Maynard for Sheriff Gusman
Jason Williams
Laurie White
Lynne Alline for Councilmember Head
Michael Harrison
Rebecca Dietz
Sondra Mullen for Judge Bates-
Anderson
Susan Guidry

Absent at Roll Call

David Kent
Desiree Charbonnet
Fred Luter
Jeff Hebert
Jeffrey Rouse
John Penny
Melanie Talia
Steve Lassalle
Thelma French

III. Consideration and Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2017 Meeting

No corrections were requested to the December 6 minutes.
Gary Maynard motioned to approve minutes; Susan Guidry seconded.
All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.
The minutes were approved.

IV. Opening Remarks

Calvin Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Calvin Johnson introduced Charles West, former director of the Office of Criminal Justice Coordination, who will be serving as Community Representative-at-Large. Pastor Fred Luter, who was unable to attend, will also now be serving as Community Representative-at-Large.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. None

VI. New Business

a. Grant Matters

- i. **Vote to allocate residual FY15 Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) grant funds in the amount of \$155,505**
- ii. **Vote to allocate FY16 Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) grant funds in the amount of \$3,745,709**

Calvin Johnson introduced the FY15 and FY16 VOCA grants. He explained that the Council needed to vote to allow applicants to apply for a match waiver. He clarified that the vote would not approve individual waivers, rather it would allow applicants to apply for one through LCLE.

Jason Williams motioned to approve applicants to apply for match waivers; Charles West seconded.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

Applications for match waivers were approved.

Calvin Johnson invited a representative from each agency to present briefly on their proposal.

Joy Bruce presented **CASA's** proposal for the **CASA Program**. Funds would support a program manager and program assistant to match children in foster care with adults who advocate on their behalf.

Allyson Tuttle presented on **Project SAVE** for **Catholic Charities**, which provides free civil legal assistance to victims of domestic violence. Funds would support two full-time attorneys, part of an office manager, and operating expenses. Laurie White and Arthur Morrell asked clarifying questions.

Paulette Carter presented on **Child Abuse Counseling Program** for **Children's Bureau** for continuation funding of a full-time clinician who provides case management and clinical services through the New Orleans Child Advocacy Center and Audrey Hepburn CARE Center. Charles West asked clarifying questions.

Paulette Carter presented on **Child Advocacy Program 9** for **Children's Bureau** for continued funding of a full-time clinician onsite at Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, focusing on clinical mental health services for children and youth in Juvenile Court who have experience trauma. Susan Guidry asked clarifying questions.

Paulette Carter presented on **Project LAST for Children's Bureau**, which works with children impacted by trauma. Schools are the primary referral source, but Children's Bureau is also having conversations with the NOPD on ways to further collaboration. Funding would support 4.5 full-time positions. Jason Williams and Susan Guidry asked clarifying questions.

Paulette Carter presented on **Trauma Counseling program for Children's Bureau**, which targets 18 to 24 year olds to ensure they have access to mental health services. They requested an increase in funding from 0.5 to 1.5 positions since many of the youth they serve have acute mental health issues.

Stacie Leblanc presented on **Children's Hospital CARE Center's Child Abuse Program**, which conducts trauma-informed investigations of children who are victims of child abuse or witnesses of crime. They were seeking a continuation grant with additional funding for another Nurse Practitioner to increase capacity and for a Child Life specialist who is trained to sit with kids through painful or scary forensic procedures. Calvin Johnson and Jason Williams asked clarifying questions.

Stacie Leblanc presented on **Children's Hospital CARE Center's Victims Assistance Program Child Trafficking** which sought continuation funding for a satellite location to interview children who have witnessed domestic violence or who were potentially exposed to trafficking. She requested an increase to accommodate changes in rent and salaries.

Pat Glorioso presented on **Civil District Court's Domestic Violence/Stalking Coordinator Program** to assist survivors of stalking, domestic abuse, and sexual assault. Charles West asked clarifying questions.

Jim Kelly presented on **Covenant House's Care for Victims/Survivors of Human Trafficking** program, which provides wraparound services to youth aged 16 to 22 who are victims of human trafficking.

Melissa Carter presented on **Criminal District Court's Domestic Violence Monitoring Court**. She requested a continuation of funding for 3 full-time Victim Advocates and 1 Victim In-take Counselor. Susan Guidry asked clarifying questions.

Andree Mattix presented on **Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Victim Assistance Project for the District Attorney's Office**. They requested continued funding for a Child Advocate. Susan Guidry requested that in the future the grant application be fully completed. [Post Meeting Note: OCJC staff had incorrectly told the Council that the DA's Office had not submitted a complete proposal, but has since corrected that error and shared the complete proposal with the Councilmembers]

Mary Claire Landry presented on the **Family Justice Alliance's Victim Assistance NOFJC/CAC Collaborative**, which addresses children who are victims of human trafficking or at risk of human trafficking. Funding would support a trauma-informed Child Therapist and Administrative Assistant. Jason Williams asked clarifying questions.

Mary Claire Landry presented on the **Family Justice Alliance's Victims Services and SANE Program**. She requested continuation funding with a small increase to cover an increase in their rent and staffing for their new clinic. Rutha Chatwood from LCLE expressed concern about the potential duplication of services already in place and the degree of coordination with the

Coroner. Mary Claire Landry clarified that the new clinic targets a population not currently served. Many rape survivors refuse to go to the hospital. Additionally, in cases of nonfatal strangulation, injuries may not fully present for a few days but will still need to be documented in a forensic way. Mary Claire Landry also explained their process for chain of custody. Jason Williams expressed support for the Family Justice Center's Work.

Debra Morton presented on the **Family Service for Greater New Orleans's Violence Counseling Program** that works with victims and witnesses of violent crime. Jason Williams asked clarifying questions.

Darlene Santana presented on the **Sexual Assault Program for Metropolitan Centers for Community Action**, which provides crisis counseling and case management for sexually assaulted children and non-offending parents. They requested a continuation of funding for a full-time case manager. Rebecca Dietz asked clarifying questions.

Cynthia Edwards presented on the **Social Workers in the District** for the **New Orleans Police Department**. The Program would provide 3 full-time social workers for the 1st, 4th, and 8th districts to help fill the gap left by reassigned Quality of Life Officers. Social workers would provide services for community members as well as for officers in need of support. Jason Williams, Charles West, and Laurie White asked clarifying questions.

Cynthia Edwards presented on the **Victim Witness Assistance Unit** for the **New Orleans Police Department**, which delivers counseling, advocacy, and intervention. They requested continued funding for a Victim Advocate, Justice Advocate, and Social Worker. Chris Bowman, Lynne Alline, and Laurie White asked clarifying questions.

Margaret Reynolds presented on **STAR's Sexual Assault Program**, which provides free and confidential counseling and direct advocacy services to survivors over the age of 12. They are requested a continuation of funding with an increase of 2 staff members based on the high volume of people they serve.

No representative of the **Sheriff's Office** was present to present on their **Victim Assistance Program**.

Tamara Jackson presented on **Silence is Violence's Intensive Victim Support Services**, which provides case management, needs assessment, and advocacy. She requested continuation of funding for 2.5 full-time case managers as well as funding for a new Program Manager. Susan Guidry and Calvin Johnson asked clarifying questions.

Laura Tuggle presented on **Southeast Louisiana Legal Services' Victim to Survivor Legal Advocacy** program, which provides free legal services to low-income people. Funding would support 0.5 of an attorney to provide additional capacity and to help provide services now allowed due to recent rule changes.

Becki Kondkar presented on **Tulane Domestic Violence Law Clinic's Civil Legal Services for Domestic Violence Survivors** program, which provides free holistic legal services for victims of domestic violence. Lynne Alline and Laurie White asked clarifying questions.

Lang Le presented on **VIET's Culturally Sensitive Linguistic Program**, which provides advocacy and education in non-English speaking and underserved communities. She requested

continuation of funding to cover 1 full-time program director and 2 part-time bilingual program coordinators.

Chentrell Williams presented on **Volunteers of America's Elderly Support Services program**, which provides services to victims of elder abuse. They requested funding for 4 staff members. Calvin Johnson and LCLE asked clarifying questions.

Shaquita Borden presented on **Women With a Vision**, which provides health education and promotion, advocacy, and community organizing. She requested a continuation grant to provide safety planning, service referral, therapy and assistance for African-American women who are sex workers, substance abusers, or victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

Calvin Johnson explained that in evaluating the proposals, OCJC staff considered the uncertainty about 2017's funding from the federal government. In an attempt to reserve some funds for future allocation, OCJC staff recommended not funding executive directors with VOCA money. Additionally some unallowable expenses were removed. Calvin Johnson announced that there were sufficient funds for every proposal. Sarah Schirmer confirmed that there was a balance of \$155,505 on the FY15 VOCA grant, which combined with the FY16 money available was sufficient to cover all the requests. Charles West added that funding for the district has gone up substantially in the last 2 years, so there are some concerns about the sustainability of this level of funding.

Jason Williams moved to vote on **CASA's (CASA Program)** proposal; Charles West seconded.
11 in favor – 1 nay – 2 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Derwyn Bunton moved to vote on **Catholic Charities' (Project SAVE)** proposal; Jason Williams seconded.
11 in favor – 1 nay – 2 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced **Children's Bureau's (Child Abuse Counseling Program)** proposal received a score of 97. Jason Williams moved to vote on the proposal; Laurie White seconded.
12 in favor – 0 nays – 3 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced **Children's Bureau's (Child Advocacy Program 9)** proposal received a score of 100. Jason Williams moved to vote on the proposal; Rebecca Dietz seconded.
12 in favor – 0 nays – 3 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced **Children's Bureau's (Project LAST)** proposal received a score of 100. Jason Williams moved to vote on the proposal; Charles West seconded.
12 in favor – 0 nays – 3 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced **Children's Bureau's (Trauma Counseling)** proposal received a score of 100. Jason Williams moved to vote on the proposal; Rebecca Dietz seconded.
12 in favor – 0 nays – 3 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced **Children's Hospital CARE Center's (Child Abuse Program)** proposal received a score of 92.5. Jason Williams moved to vote on the proposal; Charles West seconded. 12 in favor – 0 nays – 3 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced **Children's Hospital CARE Center's (Victims Assistance Program Child Trafficking)** proposal received a score of 92.5. [inaudible] moved to vote on the proposal; [inaudible] seconded. 12 in favor – 0 nays – 3 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced that **Civil District Court's (Domestic Violence/Stalking Coordinator Program)** proposal received a score of 67.5. Jason Williams moved to vote on the proposal; Charles West seconded. 12 in favor – 0 nays – 3 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Susan Guidry asked if it was possible to delay or deny funding for low-scoring proposals. Discussion ensued. LCLE representative Kim Lax proposed that applicants with low scores update their NOI with the additional information or performance measures requested. Susan Guidry moved to rescind the vote in order to add such a stipulation; Laurie White seconded. 12 in favor – 2 nays – 0 abstentions
The motion was approved.

Susan Guidry moved to approve the proposal conditioned on the submission of supplemental information responding to the assessment team's concerns; Laurie White seconded. 11 in favor – 2 nays – 1 abstention
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced that **Covenant House's (Care for Victims/Survivors of Human Trafficking)** proposal received a score of 90. OCJC staff recommended funding at \$102,403 instead of the requested \$130,528 by removing four 0.10 staff people, conference costs, and direct victim assistance. Jason Williams and Susan Guidry asked clarifying questions. Laurie White motioned to fund the proposal in full; Arthur Morrell seconded. 11 in favor – 1 nay – 2 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced that **Criminal District Court's (Domestic Violence Monitoring Court)** proposal received a score of 90. OCJC staff recommended removing 20% of staff time that was dedicated to offenders in order to comply with VOCA rules. Funding would be \$161,194 instead of the requested \$201,491. Jason Williams moved to approve the proposal at the recommended amount; Susan Guidry seconded. 11 in favor – 0 nays – 3 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced that the **District Attorney's (Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Victim Assistance Project)** proposal received a score of 22 due to an incomplete application. Chris Bowman clarified that this was an oversight. Discussion ensued about the weighting of scores. Arthur Morrell moved to approve the proposal subject to receiving a completed application; Charles West seconded. 7 in favor – 4 nays – 3 abstentions

The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced the **Family Justice Alliance's (Victim Assistance NOFJC/CAC Collaborative)** proposal received a score of 80.5. Jason Williams moved to approve the proposal; Rebecca Dietz seconded.

12 in favor – 0 nays – 2 abstentions

The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced the **Family Justice Alliance's (Victim Services and SANE Program)** proposal received a score of 74.5. OCJC staff recommended removing the 0.15 of the director's salary and funding at \$588,229 instead of the requested \$600,000. Charles West departed at 3:13 pm, but quorum was maintained. Susan Guidry motioned to approve the proposal at the amended amount; Gary Maynard seconded.

10 in favor – 1 nay – 2 abstentions

The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced the **Family Service for Greater New Orleans's (Violence Counseling Program)** proposal received a score of 87.5. OCJC staff recommended removing \$300 in unallowable expenses, funding at \$206,528 instead of \$206,828. Rebecca Dietz motioned to approve the proposal at the recommended amount; Jason Williams seconded.

11 in favor – 0 nays – 2 abstentions

The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced the **Metropolitan Centers for Community Advocacy's (Sexual Assault Program)** proposal received a score of 72. Gary Maynard motioned to approve the proposal; Jason Williams seconded.

10 in favor – 1 nays – 2 abstentions

The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced the **NOPD's (Social Workers in the District)** proposal received a score of 77.5. Jason Williams moved to approve the proposal; Rebecca Dietz seconded. Lynne Alline recommended the Councilmembers should treat deficient applications consistently. Discussion ensued.

10 in favor – 0 nays – 3 abstentions

The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced the **NOPD's (Victim Witness Assistance Unit)** proposal received a score of 73.5. Derwyn Bunton motioned to approve the proposal; Susan Guidry seconded.

8 in favor – 2 nays – 3 abstentions

The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced **STAR's (Sexual Assault Program)** proposal received a score of 78. OCJC staff recommended removing salary and benefits for the Regional Director, funding at \$164,033 instead of \$169,956. Jason Williams motioned to approve the proposal at the recommended amount; Gary Maynard seconded.

9 in favor – 2 nays – 2 abstentions

The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced **OPSO's (Victim Assistance Program)** proposal received a score of 42.5. Susan Guidry moved to deny the proposal; Sondra Mullen seconded.
10 in favor – 0 nays – 3 abstentions
The proposal was denied.

Sarah Schirmer announced **Silence is Violence's (Intensive Victim Support Services)** proposal received a score of 60.5. OCJC staff recommended removing funding for the executive director, funding at \$275,085 instead of \$283,335. Jason Williams moved to approve the amended amount with the stipulation that they submit supplemental information to address the concerns of the assessment team; Susan Guidry seconded. Rebecca Dietz asked clarifying questions about how OCJC staff would follow up with programs to explain the process for submitting supplemental information.
10 in favor – 1 nays – 2 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced **Southeast Louisiana Legal Services' (Victim to Survivor Legal Advocacy)** proposal received a score of 100. Jason Williams motioned to approve the proposal; Laurie White seconded.
11 in favor – 0 nays – 2 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced the **Tulane Domestic Violence Law Clinic's (Civil Legal Services for Domestic Violence Survivors)** proposal received a score of 100. Rebecca Dietz moved to approve the proposal; Jason William seconded.
10 in favor – 1 nays – 2 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced **VIET's (Culturally Sensitive Linguistic Program)** proposal received a score of 53. Laurie White motioned to approve the proposal, conditioned on their submission of additional information to address the assessment team's concerns; Lynne Alline seconded. Discussion ensued about the response if programs are not able to satisfy the assessment team's concerns. Lang Le clarified some of VIET's proposal's performance measures.
10 in favor – 1 nays – 2 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced **Volunteers of America's (Elderly Support Services)** proposal received a score of 65.5. Laurie White motioned to approve the proposal, conditioned on their submission of additional information to address the assessment team's concerns; Jason Williams seconded.
10 in favor – 1 nays – 2 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

Sarah Schirmer announced **Women with a Vision's** proposal received a score of 92.4. Rebecca Dietz moved to approve the proposal; Jason Williams seconded.
11 in favor – 0 nays – 2 abstentions
The proposal was approved.

VII. Councilmember Updates

There were no Councilmember updates.

VIII. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Rebecca Dietz motioned to adjourn the meeting; Susan Guidry seconded.
All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.
Meeting adjourned at 3:39.